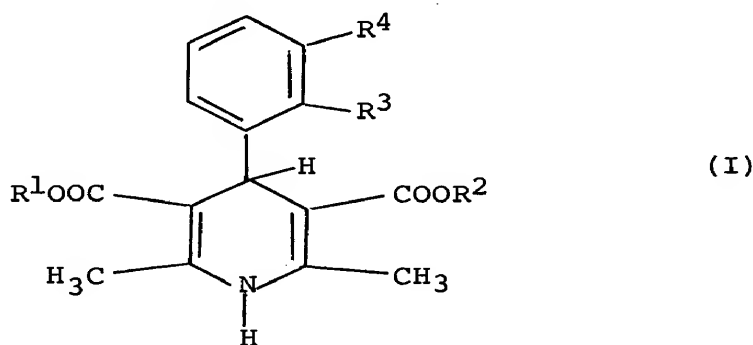


Pages 22 through 34, cancel these pages in their entirety.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

1 CM —1. (Amended) A compound of the formula I



8 PS wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of CH_3 ,
9 C_2H_5 , $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, and $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$, R² is selected from
10 the group consisting of CH_2CH_3 , $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$,
11 $[\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]$, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$,
12 $[\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}]$ and $\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$, whereby R¹ and R² are not
13 the same, R³ is [selected from the group consisting of]
14 chloro [and methoxy,] and R⁴ is selected from the group con-
15 sisting of chloro, and methyl. [and methoxy.]—

NK { Please rewrite Claim 2 as follows:

1 —2. (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein R¹
2 is selected from the group consisting of CH_3 , $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$,
3 and $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$, and R² is selected from the group consisting
4 of C_2H_5 , $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, $[\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]$, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$,
5 and $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, R³ is [selected from the group consisting
6 of] chloro [and methoxy], and R⁴ is selected from the group
7 consisting of chloro, and methyl. [and methoxy.]—

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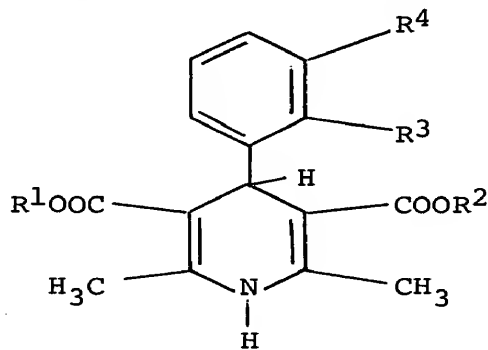
Please rewrite Claim 3 as follows:

1 ~~3.~~ (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein R¹
 2 is $\text{M}-\text{CH}_3$, $\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, and $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$, R² is [selected
 3 from the group consisting of $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$, $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$, R³ is
 4 [selected from the group consisting of] chloro [and methoxy],
 5 and R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of chloro, and
 6 methyl. [and methoxy.]—

NP Please cancel Claim 4.

NP Please rewrite Claim 5 as follows:

1 ~~45.~~ (Twice amended) A method for treating arterial
 2 hypertension in a mammal suffering therefrom, comprising ad-
 3 ministering to said mammal an amount effective to relax the
 4 vascular smooth muscle of said mammal of a compound of formula
 5 I



13 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{CH}_3$,
 14 $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, and $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, R² is selected from
 15 the group consisting of $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $\text{M}-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$,
 16 $[-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]$, $\text{M}-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, $\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$,
 17 $[-\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}]$ and $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$, whereby R¹ and R² are not
 18 the same, R³ is [selected from the group consisting of] chloro
 19 [and methoxy], and R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of
 20 chloro, and methyl. [and methoxy.]—

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Claim 6, line 5, delete "-CH₂CH₂OCH(CH₃)₂,"

Claim 6, lines 6 and 7, delete "selected from the group consisting of".

Claim 6, line 7, delete "and methoxy,"

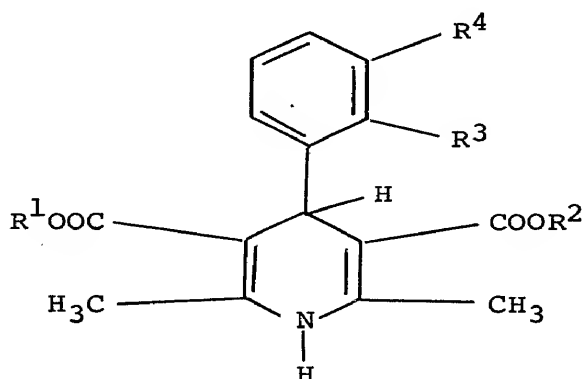
Claim 6, line 8, between "chloro," and "methyl," insert --and--; and delete "and methoxy".

Claim 7, lines 4 and 5, delete "selected from the group consisting of"; and add --and-- after "chloro,".

Claim 7, line 7, delete "and methoxy".

Please rewrite Claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) Pharmaceutical preparation, which comprises as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective dose of [a] an antihypertensive compound having vascular smooth muscle relaxing properties which compound has the formula I



wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of -CH₃, -C₂H₅, -CH₂CH₂OCH₃, and -CH₂CH₂OC₂H₅, R² is selected from the group consisting of -CH₂CH₃, -CH(CH₃)₂, -C(CH₃)₃, [-CH₂CH₂OCH(CH₃)₂], -CH(CH₃)CH₂OCH₃, -C(CH₃)₂CH₂OCH₃, [-CH₂C CH₃], and -CH₂C(CH₃)=CH₂, whereby R¹ and R² are not the same, R³ is [selected from the group consisting of] chloro [and methoxy], and R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of chloro, and methyl. [, and methoxy] in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.—

Claim 9, line 6, delete " $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ".

Claim 9, line 7, delete "selected from the group consisting of".

Claim 9, line 8, delete "and methoxy".

Claim 9, line 9, between "chloro" and "methyl", insert "--and--; and delete "and methoxy".

Claim 10, line 5, delete " $-\text{CH}_2\text{C CH}$ ".

Claim 10, lines 5 and 6, delete "selected from the group consisting of".

Claim 10, line 6, delete "and methoxy".

Claim 10, line 7, between "chloro," and "methyl," insert "--and--; and delete "and methoxy".

Please add the following claims:

1 ~~12~~¹¹. The compound according to claim 1 which
2 is 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-ethylester.—

1 ~~13~~¹². The compound according to claim 1 which is
2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-ethylester-5-(2-methoxyethylester).—

1 ~~14~~¹³. The compound according to claim 1 which is
2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-isopropylester.—

1 ~~15~~¹⁴. The compound according to claim 1 which is
2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methyl-5-tert.butylester.—

1 ~~16~~¹⁵. The compound according to claim 1 which is
2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methoxy-1-methyl-
4 ethylester).—

1 ¹⁶
~~17.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-methoxyethyl)ester-5-iso-
 4 propylester.~

1 ¹⁷
~~18.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-ethoxyethyl)ester-5-ethylester.—

1 ¹⁸
~~19.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methoxy-1,1-
 4 dimethylethyl)ester.~

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~~20.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-methoxy)ethylester-5-propargyl
 4 ester.~

1 ²⁰
~~21.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methyl)allylester.—

1 ²¹
~~22.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to
 2 claim ² wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-
 3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-
 4 dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-ethylester.—

1 ²²
~~23.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to
 2 claim ² wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-
 3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-
 4 dicarboxylic acid-3-ethylester-5-(2-methoxyethylester).~

1 ²³
~~24.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to
2 claim ⁷ wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-isopropylester.—

1 ²⁴
~~25.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to
2 claim ⁷ wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-di-
4 carboxylic acid-3-methyl-5-tert.butylester.—

1 ²⁵
~~26.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to
2 claim ⁷ wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methoxy-1-methylethyl-
5 ester).—

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1 ²⁶
~~27.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to
2 claim ⁷ wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-methoxyethyl)ester-5-isopropylester.—

1 ²⁷
~~28.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to
2 claim ⁷ wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-ethoxyethyl)ester-5-ethylester.—

1 ²⁸
~~29.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to
2 claim ⁷ wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methoxy-1,1-dimethyl-
5 ethyl)ester.—